

inconsiderate things about others, we disrespect the people we are talking about, those with whom we are engaging in conversation, and especially ourselves. This disparagement can create an environment of negativity and foster a community where the role of each person is underappreciated.

Rabbi Katsof's revolutionary effort to reduce verbal violence and gossip provides us the opportunity to use language to heal our wounds rather than deepen them. The power of words to bring a smile as opposed to a tear cannot be understated. While few people would disagree, despite our best intentions, we sometimes veer off course and need a nudge in the right direction. Rabbi Katsof understands this and his national media campaign designed to encourage us to use ethical speech each and every day has the potential to help us not lose sight of the significance of the words we use.

AMARILLO HIGH SCHOOL LADY
SANDIES VOLLEYBALL TEAM
WINS STATE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the Amarillo High woman's volleyball team in their great victory in the class 5A state championship. Their November 17th triumph marks the fourth state championship title for the Lady Sandies, an accomplishment that is truly deserving of recognition and praise.

The Amarillo High woman's volleyball program has been built upon a solid foundation of hard work, dedication and sportsmanship. This year's team had a strong season with an impressive 37-2 record. The Lady Sandies played every game with powerful determination and energy. This team showcases the ability of today's youth to pull together as a team to reach their goals, and support one another.

It is with great pride that I recognize the members of the Amarillo High's Lady Sandies volleyball team and their coaches for this accomplishment, as well as the administration and fans that carried them to victory. Thanks to their tremendous efforts, Amarillo, Texas is now home to the 2001-2002 Class 5A State Champions. I salute the Lady Sandies for bringing home another state volleyball title.

H.R. 2269—INVESTMENT ADVICE
ACT

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, over the last twenty years the influx of 401k plans has changed the pension landscape. When the ERISA laws were written back in 1974, we had no idea how popular 401k plans would become. And as the popularity grows for these plans, the need for quality investment advice becomes ever more vital to the retirement plans of pension holders. Although there are many ave-

nues to obtain information about stocks and bonds, many people lack the knowledge to filter out the good information from the bad. Most people do not have the time necessary to investigate the nuances of the market to make informed decisions about market purchases. This is why we need to turn to professionals. Our pensions are too important to American workers and families these days to let this problem go unresolved. That is why I strongly support the Investment Advice Act that is before this body today.

I recognize there is some contention about the conflict of interest between the adviser's and the interest of their clients. However, this legislation specifically requires that a "fiduciary adviser" be personally liable for any failure to act solely in the interest of the worker. Furthermore, investment advisers will be subject to the highest form of fiduciary duty under the law, including civil and criminal enforcement by the Labor Department. I believe these safeguards protect our employees and mandate professional advisors to work in the best interest of their clients.

Mr. Speaker, in the end, it is my belief that the Investment Advice Act will increase the value of pensions for working Americans. I believe this act will lead Americans into a healthier and happier retirement. And lastly, I believe that Americans want and need access to professional financial advice.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ELIZABETH JONES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Ms. Elizabeth Jones was an upstanding citizen of Bel-
laire, Ohio, and;

Whereas, Ms. Jones never wavered in her enthusiasm and dedication to her education, her family, and her community, and;

Whereas, due to all of Ms. Jones' accomplishments, she will be fondly remembered by her son Allen Kenton Jones and his wife Delores; her sister Rosemary Ney; her grandson Allen Jones Jr; her four great-grandchildren, her four great-great-grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews including myself, along with many others who knew and loved her.

Therefore, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the commitment and effort of Ms. Elizabeth Mary Ney Jones. Individuals like Elizabeth Jones are the key to our nation's success.

IN HONOR OF LOULA LOI-
ALAFIOGIANNI

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Loula Loi-Alafogianni, the Executive Global President and CEO of the Euro-American Women's Council. Mrs. Alafogianni has spent her professional life facilitating the needs of the

Greek and American entrepreneurial communities and advancing the cause of women's rights in the areas of business and education.

Mrs. Alafogianni has demonstrated that intelligence, integrity, energy, clear objectives and the love of a task well-executed, creates credibility. Her love for Greece and her desire to promote greater understanding and cooperation between Greece and America has made her a strong advocate and a wonderful ally. Mrs. Alafogianni, like so many talented women of her generation, has had several careers.

For two decades, Mrs. Alafogianni served as an elementary school director, helping to ensure that our young people have a strong educational foundation.

She then turned to the challenges offered by business, public relations and event-planning. Mrs. Alafogianni's entrepreneurial skills are widely recognized and she has served as a delegate to White House Conferences on small businesses since 1990, and has advised numerous public officials and government leaders.

Additionally, Mrs. Alafogianni is very civic-minded. With her husband, John, Mrs. Alafogianni co-founded the United Hellenic-American National Council, which has sponsored numerous White House luncheons for prominent and influential businesswomen from across the United States and Greece.

In 1991, she founded and organized the "Best Buddies Foundation" in Greece, along with Anthony Kennedy Shriver, who serves as its Global President and CEO. In 1995, Mrs. Alafogianni became the Global President and CEO of the Euro-American Women's Council, which promotes ties among Greeks, wherever they may live, and their motherland. She is also President of the "daughters of Roumeli" and of the "Hermes Athletic Club" of New York. She is currently a board member to the Human Rights Advisory Council of New York.

Mrs. Alafogianni has received a number of prestigious awards for her outstanding contributions, including the Crown Award, which recognizes her as one of the most creative minds of the top leading entrepreneurial women of the world. She has also earned the distinguished award of "Honorary Citizen of Baku" as a result of her pioneering efforts to improve entrepreneurial training in the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to the attention of my colleagues the outstanding work of Loula Loi-Alafogianni. Her unwavering dedication to improving relations among the Greek and American entrepreneurial communities, and promoting opportunities for women is truly worthy of our recognition. Thank you.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HIS-
TORIC ARKANSAS RIVERWALK
OF PUEBLO FOUNDATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 27, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the Historical Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Foundation located in Pueblo, Colorado. The group has recently been selected as the outstanding non-profit organization of the